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## Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

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**Meeting date:**

6/10/2022

**Agenda item:**

Petition to amend WAC 220-414-100 to allow hunters 65 years or older to hunt with a crossbow during deer and elk archery seasons. Briefing and Decision

**Presenter(s):** Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

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**Background summary:**

WDFW received a petition to amend WAC 220-414-100. The petitioner would like to see the following changes:

Allow hunters that are 65 years or older to use a crossbow during the deer and elk archery seasons.

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**Staff recommendation:**

WDFW recommends denying the petition. The Department usually addresses these types of requests during our 3-year season setting process. This is not a new issue and one that the department has considered in the past. Based on public input the department did not recommend this approach. This is a controversial issue that requires sufficient outreach which can best be accomplished during the 3-year season setting process. WDFW will put forth this idea for public review again the next 3-year season setting process which begins the Spring of 2023.

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

If the petition is denied the department will work through the already outlined 3-year season setting process to address this request.

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

No fiscal impact.

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

- There was no public involvement process prior to the submission of this petition.
- A public involvement process will occur if rulemaking is initiated.

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

None.

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**Draft motion language:**

I move we deny the petition, provided the department addresses this request through the 3-year season setting process.

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**Post decision communications plan:**

Communicate the outcome of the Commission's decision to the petitioner.

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